More inclusive approach to end child labour

1743. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has agreed in principle to a proposal made by the Union Labour Ministry on adopting a more inclusive approach to end the problem of child labour;

(b) if so, whether there will be schemes for restoring child workers into the mainstream and for finanically empowering their parents;

(c) whether the plan will become functional from the next financial year;

(d) whether the Centre is writing to all concerned Ministries to formulate together a complte programme of action plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) A comprehensive proposal to eliminate child labour from the country in the 11th Plan has been submitted to the Planning Commission. It includes a convergent approach to tackle the problem of child labour alongwith a number of additional components like residential schools, etc.

(b) The Government is already implementing National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for rehabilitating the child labour withdrawn from work in 250 districts of the country. Under the NCLP Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put in Special Schools where they are provided education nurtrition, vocational training, stipend and regualr helth check-up. The objective of the Scheme is to withdraw children from work and mainstream them into the formal system of education. Government is also making efforts to economically empower the families of these children by covering them under other poverty alleviation & income generation schemes of the Government. For the 11th Plan, Government has proposed expansion of the NCLP Scheme to 600 districts and has also proposed some additional features in the Scheme, such as residential schools in big cities for migrant child labour, vocation training for adolescents, etc.

(c) This is subject to necessary approvals.

(d) and (e) Government has formed a Core Group headed by Secretary (Labour & Employment) with representatives from other concerned Central Government Ministries, viz. Ministry of Women & Child Development, Human Resource Development, Rural Development, Social Justice and Empowerment and Urban Housing & Poverty Alleviation for convergence with the Schemes of these Ministries for educational rehabilitation of child labour and the economic upliftment of their families.

Relaxation in maintaining workers, register

1744. SHRI P. R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently allowed employers with less than 40 workers not to maintain work registers at the office premises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SC/ST bogus caste certificate

1745. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of SC/ST bogus caste certificate cases as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) in how many cases departmental proceedings have been started against the concerned employees from the above numbers;

(c) in how many cases, the matter is pending before various Courts; and

(d) the action plan of Government to finalise all the above and to fill up the vacancies by appropriate candidates belonging to SC and ST categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of building and other construction workers Act

1746. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the latest position of implementation of the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1996 in all States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): As per the information received from the State Governments, the position of implementation of the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1996 in all States and Union Territories is given in the Statement

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Status of Implementation of The Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and conditions of Service) Act, 1966. (As on 31.10.2007)

Andhra Pradesh	•	State Welfare Board has been constituted on 30.4.2007.
	•	State Advisory Committee has been has been constituted on 16.6.07.
	•	Cess Collector, Assessing Officer, and Appellate Authorities under the Cess Rules have been notified on 25.8.99.
	•	Rules under the Act notified on 26.6.07.
Arunachal Pradesh	•	Rules under the Act have been framed.
		State Welfare Board has been constituted on 10.10.2005.
	•	State Advisory Committee has been has been constituted on 20.7.2005.
	•	Authorities under the main Act and Cess Act have not been notified.
Assam	•	Welfare Board has been constituted.
	•	Implementing authorities notified.
	•	Drafting of rules are under process.